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MARGE SILL: My name is Marge Sill. It's

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24 It seems to me that I have been doing this
25 forever. I have been standing up and talking about why
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1 Yucca Mountain is a bad idea.

2 I remember, before Congress even passed the
3 legislation, going down to the State Legislature when a
4 few misguided legislators thought that maybe we should
5 ask for the nuclear waste, and getting up there with my
6 late husband and saying, we are in the middle of the Cold
7 War, terrorism is a great prospect, there is no nuclear
8 waste generated in Nevada, where is it coming from, it's
9 coming from across the country. What better way to
10 attack what we have than to attack the ships of nuclear
11 waste?

12 Now that we face the situation that happened
13 on September 11th, we are very cognizant of the danger
14 that Yucca Mountain would put the whole country in and
15 all of our citizens.

16 I have spoken before of the environmental
17 effects and the reason why it is a bad idea to study only
18 one site and then put the nuclear waste in that site, but
19 I think September 11th has changed the tone of my

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20 argument.

21 Sending nuclear waste to a single site is
22 completely wrong, and the Department of Energy has to
23 understand this. We are much better off leaving the
24 nuclear waste we have in dry cask containers all over the
25 country, doing good science, as someone pointed out -- I

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1 think Peggy pointed out that is very, very important to
2 see what we can do with this nuclear waste, but right
3 now, to put it in a single spot, to send it 3,000 miles
4 across the country is an act that simply should not
5 happen, and I plead with the Department of Energy to
6 consider what is going on now and why we should not have
7 the nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain.

8 Thank you.